

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1, with the following amended paragraph:

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to an air vent to be mounted on a vehicle body, having a frame made of plastic and at least one electric or electronic component that is attached to the frame.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

Background of the Invention

In air vents in the automotive sector, an antenna or a sensor may be mounted outside the vehicle onto the frame of the air vent to avoid radiation shielding by the car body. A connection cable for the antenna or sensor is passed through an opening in the frame and the opening is sealed. Subsequently, a connection plug is attached to the cable.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

Summary of the Invention

According to the present invention, the air vent has a frame molded of a plastic material and the at least one electric or electronic component is embedded and over-molded in the plastic material. By simply embedding in and over-

molding the component with the frame, a number of advantages is achieved over the prior art. Among these are the following;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

Brief Description of the Drawings

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of an air vent to be mounted on a vehicle body;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

Detail Description of the Invention

The air vent has a generally rectangular frame 10 with two pairs of opposed frame sections. The longer ones 10a, 10b of opposed frame sections are spanned by a plurality of ribs 11. The frame with the ribs 11 is injection-molded from a plastic material. An antenna is incorporated in the frame. Specifically, the antenna has a generally T-shaped metallic body 12 with a first branch 12a that spans the frame sections 10a, 10b centrally of the frame and a second branch 12b perpendicular to the first branch 12a and extending along frame section 12b.